

## Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, March 13**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, March 14**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, March 15**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with The Majesty of the Son Jesus

Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elementary

✝ **Monday, March 16**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, March 17**

Saint Patrick's Day

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Truck comes to Windy Cove, cars line up after 10:30, food will be distributed after 11 a.m.

✝ **Wednesday, March 18**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, March 19**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, March 20**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, March 21**

Millboro School Reunion Committee meets at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, March 22**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets on March 29 rather than on the fourth Sunday this month



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
March 12, 2015**

## Lent Begins?

It's rather presumptuous of a pastor or church to say that they have somehow postponed a season of the Church Year. Indeed, Lent did begin at Windy Cove on Ash Wednesday, February 18. However, because of the intervening bad weather, Pastor Rob Sherrard and the church did postpone the beginning of the worship theme for Lent until Sunday, March 8. On that day a normal-sized congregation joined to explore their Lenten theme: The Majesty of the Son Jesus.

From the scripture in Hebrews 1:1-3, the congregation focused first on the phrase, "God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance." Added to this thought from Hebrews was Paul's wisdom from Romans 8:17: "And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory." In legal terms, God made a bequest to Jesus; and everyone who has faith in Jesus has become a co-heir with Jesus of that legacy from God.

As co-heirs with Jesus, Christians partake of all the blessings of God. Their inheritance depends at first on Jesus completing the mission that

God gave him as the Son. With Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven, this legacy of God's blessing vests in all who believe in Jesus. And, the New Testament makes clear that we begin to enjoy this inheritance as soon as we have faith in Jesus because Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to be with us. That Spirit is a foretaste of the full inheritance of living in God's glory in heaven.

As part of Sunday's message, the congregation rehearsed some of the blessings that come as their inheritance. For example, in John 3:16 God promises his everlasting love. In John 11:25 Jesus promises resurrection life. In John 14:2-3 Jesus promises a unique place in heaven for each

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### Take Note!

**Mar 15—Confirmation Class continues in Sunday School**

**Mar 15—Lenten worship centers on Jesus as creator and sustainer of the universe**

**Mar 15—Soup and Sandwich Lunch after Morning Worship**

**Mar 15—Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5 p.m.**

**Mar 17—Food Truck visits at 11 a.m.**

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## Lent (Cont.)

of his followers. In 1 Thessalonians 4:7, Paul reminds his readers of the promise of a reunion with those who already have gone to be with the Lord in heaven.

God's last will and testament contained in the New Testament has been probated making these promises of a legacy absolutely reliable for all who believe in Jesus.

Our Lenten theme will continue this Sunday, March 15, with this consideration: Jesus is the agent of creation and sustains all things.

## Soup and Sandwiches

With the weather moderating a bit, we are looking forward to a good turnout for our fellowship lunch on Sunday, March 15. The menu for the lunch includes soup and sandwiches. This event has proved to be a popular one as folks anticipate the variety of soups and sandwiches available for them to sample.

We guess also that there may be a few delectable desserts to sample as well. So, shake off the winter blues and spend some time with friends and neighbors over lunch on Sunday.

## Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class in Sunday School got off to a good start on March 8. A number of our teens were away that day with important family events, but Mr. Sherrard had three stalwarts there to begin their work together.

Initially, they discussed the meaning of confirmation. The meaning of the word includes the idea of giving consent or approval to someone or something. In the religious sense, confirmation refers to the act of publicly and firmly acknowledging one's belief in God and faith in Jesus. For those who have been baptized as infants or children, it includes the idea of personally saying "yes" to the vows previously taken by parents.

After this initial discussion, the class looked in Acts 16 at the story of the Philippian jailer. One dramatic scene in the story comes when the jailer thinks that all his prisoners have escaped. He draws his sword to kill himself, but Paul assures him that all prisoners are still present. Then, the jailer asks the poignant question, "What must I do to be saved?" In effect this question is the essence of becoming a Christian or confirming one's identity as a Christian.

The class then turned its attention to the Roman Road to Salvation. They had just got started down the Road when it was time to let the choir in to practice their anthem for worship. Perhaps you readers would like to follow down the Roman Road with them by looking at the following passages:

**Romans 3:23**

**Romans 6:23**

**Romans 5:8**

**Romans 10:9-10**

**Romans 10:13.**

## Easter: Sooner or Later Than You Think

After our worship on March 15, there will be just three weeks left until Easter. Mr. Sherrard recently asked his World Religions students when Easter would be. One student ventured that it would be April 1. Of course Easter is **not** April 1 this year, but it is the **first Sunday** in April or April 5. That fact leads to the question, "Why does Easter keep jumping around each year?"

The first reason is Biblical. Jesus' death and resurrection took place at the time of the Jewish Passover. Passover is celebrated according to the Jewish calendar on the night of the first full moon following the spring equinox. As Christianity developed and separated from Judaism, most Christians decided to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

Since the spring equinox happens on March 21, Easter awaits the first full moon after that time. Then, Easter is celebrated on the next Sunday following the full moon. So, most Christians celebrate Easter on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Our readers will perhaps remember that Easter in 2011 was on April 24 just one day short of the very last day it could possibly be. On the other hand, in 2008 Easter came on March 23, more than a month earlier than the 2011 day. **Save the date of April 5 for Easter this year.**

## Lenten Reflection

*(The following reflection appeared in the January issue of Decision, a magazine published by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The reflection was written by Dr. Graham's wife, Ruth Bell Graham.)*

We have natural resources and supernatural resources. Our natural resources are varied, but they are unreliable. If they are friends, they may move away. If it's a vacation, it may not materialize. If it's a night's sleep, it may go sour.

If we look to our spouse for that which only God Himself can provide, there are bound to be disappointments. There will be times when our spouse is preoccupied with work, and we will feel neglected. There will be times when our spouse has to take a trip, and we will feel lonely. There will be times when our spouse may become tired and just a little irritable, and we will feel hurt. So much for natural resources!

Don't look to people for the comfort, encouragement and strength that only God can provide.

Instead, turn to the supernatural resources that God has given us for the meeting of our needs in order that we may in turn minister to those we love and meet their needs. These resources are eternal, inexhaustible and sure: the Living Word and the written Word.

*(Mrs. Graham's reflection appeared next to a picture of the Holy Bible on the back of Decision.)*